

Harrietstown Housing Authority

A Place to Live is more than a Roof over your Head

Happy Healthy Attitudes

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SARAH'S NEWS

I am pleased to welcome our new Account Clerk, Kathy Scriver, to the Housing Authority staff. Kathy comes to this position with a wealth of experience and knowledge and I've no doubt she will enhance our efficiency, effectiveness, and overall approach to our operations. As Account Clerk, Kathy's areas of focus include bookkeeping/accounting, tenant and public relations, and office-related tasks. Please join me in welcoming Kathy.



I convey a super-sized thank you to Tammy Burdt for all the additional work she tackled during the long (very long) search for just the right person to fill the Account Clerk vacancy. Tammy has done the work of multiple people with meticulous attention to detail and tremendous patience, never failing to

be professional and friendly with everyone. As the light in her office windows and the date stamp of her emails will attest, she worked long long hours to ensure applicants to and residents of the Housing Authority were well-served. And, while that is written in the past tense, its meaning extends into the future. Thank you, Tammy!

The Lake Flower and Algonquin construction projects are no secret. They're too noisy to be secrets! I appreciate everyone's tolerance during this time. I know it's not been easy. Broth projects are progressing nicely. The Lake Flower façade project's anticipated completion date is mid-October. The Algonquin roofing project's anticipated completion date is mid- to late-September.

And, what would a newsletter article by me be without a reminder to wear masks? I have seen some improvement in compliance, thank you. More is always better. Just think: as the weather cools, your face will stay warmer longer!

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WORK ORDERS

Please remember to call the office at 518-891-3050

Option 3 for a work order.

This is the only way to schedule your maintenance assistance.



ABOUT KATHY

My husband David and I moved to Saranac Lake to attend college at NCCC in 1980. We raised our two daughters, Jessica and Renee, here in Saranac Lake. I was hired by NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in 1981 and stayed there until I retired in 2017. I was the Administrative Assistant for Human Resources and Fiscal Management for the last 10

years of my career. During the time between retiring and now, I cared for our oldest daughter, Jessica, who lost her battle with cancer in November 2019. I love spending time with my seven year old twin grandaughters. I'm happy to be working for the Harrietstown Housing Authority and will do my best to be of assistance to you.

TID BITS FROM DAVID SIEGRIST

So long summer for another year

Everything in the garden is ready to harvest

Playing the last few rounds of croquet on the court

Time to wrap up all the weather dependent projects

Even my dogs are sensing the cold temperatures coming

Most of the time they are on the couch anyway

Better check the supply of wood pellets for the heating season

Equinox would be a high scoring word I think if you are a Scrabble fan

Remember to be vigilant about wearing your face mask as we become more cooped up indoors

IRENE'S THOUGHTS

Algonquin Residents please remember to submit the winter clothes form by September 18, 2020. You don't want to miss out on such a great opportunity.

The Housing Choice Voucher/ Section 8 program has openings and a very short wait list- If you know anyone in the Saranac Lake community who may need some assistance with their rent please have them call 518 891-3050 ext. 105 to inquire about qualifications for the program. During these odd Co-vid 19 times some rental assistance may make some big changes for an individual or family.



Short Fall Jokes:

What did the tree say to autumn? Leaf me alone.

What did one autumn leaf say to another? I'm falling for you.

Why did summer catch autumn? Because autumn is fall.

How do you fix a broken pumpkin? With a pumpkin patch.

Apartments For Rent

The Harrietstown Housing Authority has apartments for rent in the Lake Flower High-rise.

Additionally, we have a Housing Choice Voucher program that may assist you with your monthly rent in the community.

For additional information and to obtain an application, please contact us at 518-891-3050 or stop by the office at 14 Kiwassa Road, Saranac Lake.

You may also go online at www.harrietstownha.org.

ARE YOU A VICTIM OF UNWANTED TELEMARKETING CALLS?

CALL THE <u>NATIONAL DO NOT CALL</u>
REGISTRY



1-888-382-1222

REMEMBER, YOU MUST CALL FROM YOUR PHONE IN ORDER TO BE PLACED ON THE DO NOT CALL REGIS-TRY LIST

September 2020

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Squigly's Tree Word Search

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RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt



The day has finally arrived! We now have a new Account Clerk! Please welcome Kathy Scriver to our wonderful cast of characters at the Housing Authority. We are so happy to welcome her aboard. Maybe I can catch up with the stacks of paper on my desk. LOL

Construction continues on the outside of the building at the high-rise and I feel like I am sitting in a dentist chair all day from the sound of

the men drilling on the outside of the building. I cannot wait to see what the building looks like when it is complete.

Lake Flower News: I would like to give a humongous shout out to David Siegrist and John Burns from our maintenance department. They have done a fantastic job getting units ready for me to fill in record time! The Housing Authority welcomed two new tenants in August and one already in September. Please welcome them from a safe distance (6 feet apart) and remember to wear your mask.

Algonquin News: Algonquin has filled its two-bedroom vacancy. The roofing project is coming along nicely. Please be careful to avoid their equipment and falling debris. The trash situation has gotten somewhat better, however, please be sure to deposit your trash in the dumpsters and not along the sides or the ground. Friendly reminder, children need to be supervised when they are outside. If children damage other people's personal property, the parent or guardian will be liable for the damages they incur. School will also be in session very soon, be sure to watch for the school buses. I am sure that by now, the children are anxious to be going back to school. Hopefully, they do not have to shut down again.

Well, that is all I have for now. Enjoy the cooler nights and the changing of the leaves. It is hard to believe fall has arrived. Stay safe and healthy.

Bed Bug Information

Where should you look?

- Mattress (piping, sides, underside)
- Box spring (remove ticking)
- Bed frame
- Linens
- ●Furniture seams, pleats, piping, joints
- Corners and drawers of desks, dressers, etc.
- •Door, window, and baseboard trim
- •Items on the floor

What should you look for?

- •All life stages: eggs, nymphs, adults
- Skin casts
- Blood spots

How do you avoid them?

Carefully inspect all used furniture, linens, and clothing before bringing them into your home.

- Wash and dry clothes on hottest setting items can stand. Transport clothes in plastic bags. Do not put clean clothes in bags used to transport dirty clothes. Throw those away!
 - Vacuum frequently.
 - Remove clutter.

If possible, use a high powered flashlight when looking around your unit. If you find a bed bug, notify staff immediately. Staff and you will work together to prepare for any needed treatment. Don't delay. It's much easier to treat one or two than it is twenty or thirty. Again, successful eradication requires resident involvement and cooperation.

The sooner we know, the lower the cost to you.



Our Mission

The mission of the Harrietstown Housing Authority is to provide public housing and tenant-based assistance program residents with clean, safe and affordable housing in a non-discriminatory manner. The Harrietstown Housing Authority is committed to operating in an efficient, fiscally prudent, ethical and professional manner.

The HHA will encourage and monitor partnerships with appropriate community agencies in order to improve the quality of the resident's lives.

Our Staff

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